

## MR. A. B. DUVALL'S REPORT

Work of Corporation Counsel Shown to Be Heavy.

## MANY MUNICIPAL CASES

Opinions Given on Great Variety of Subjects Relating to District Affairs and Pending Legislation.

The District Commissioners yesterday received from Mr. Andrew B. Duvall, Corporation Counsel, his annual report of the operations of his department for the last fiscal year. Attention is called to the provision of the District Code changing the name of the "Attorney of the District" to "City Solicitor," and then by an amendment to the Code to "Corporation Counsel."

Mr. Duvall states that during the year 374 opinions and 114 communications were written and submitted by him and his assistants relative to pending municipal matters and suits before the courts. "A great variety of subjects," Mr. Duvall says, "relating to municipal affairs were covered and discussed in these opinions, including taxation and assessment, street extensions and occupation of public space, pending legislation, proposed regulations and the construction of acts of Congress."

## Oral Opinions.

Oral opinions have been rendered in numerous cases submitted by various District officials concerning matters of current business arising in the administration of their respective departments.

"The organization of new municipal departments, such as the Insurance Department, has added materially to the steadily increasing volume of the work of this office."

"The numerous municipal contracts and leases and bonds to secure performance of the contracts have been examined and certified as to sufficiency of form and over one hundred tax deeds have been prepared."

## Suits for Damages.

The report summarizes seventeen actions for damages against the Commissioners still pending in the Supreme Court of the District, and of eleven cases in which final judgment was rendered in favor of the municipality. A list of nine cases is given in which actions have been instituted in the Equity Court against the Commissioners, and of three cases still pending in the Court of Appeals. Six cases are enumerated as disposed of in the Court of Appeals during the fiscal year.

Mr. Duvall calls attention to the successful prosecution of a number of actions in the Police Court for violation of the "smoke law," and states that four of these cases were appealed and are pending before the Court of Appeals.

Five suits at law, other than for damages, are enumerated. Decrees in equity were entered in eleven cases in favor of holders of tax deeds, canceling taxes assessed prior to the date of the tax sale. Judgments in certiorari were entered in four cases quashing assessments for taxes illegally assessed. There was one proceeding in habeas corpus, and ten bills in equity were filed to enjoin the sale at the last tax sale of certain lots assessed for benefits in street extensions.

## Street Extension.

Mr. Duvall reviews the several street extension cases under consideration during the year, and the report shows the disposition made of the extensions of Sixteenth Street, New Hampshire Avenue, widening of Columbia Road and old Sixteenth Street, Eleventh Street, Pennsylvania Avenue southeast, widening of Sherman Avenue, extension of Eckington Place, widening of Adams Mill Road, condemnation of site for the Tenleytown police station, and a number of cases for condemning land and opening alleys.

Mr. Duvall states that there were 234

lunacy proceedings instituted by or on behalf of the Commissioners, and increase of nearly 20 per cent over the last fiscal year, and he has the following to say in that connection:

"Some effective remedy should be provided to relieve the municipality of the enormous expense incurred in connection with the commitment and care of lunatics. An increasing percentage of these unfortunates consists of persons from the adjoining States who are brought within the District for the purpose of commitment to the Government Hospital for the Insane, and there is no justification whatever in making them a charge either temporary or permanent upon the people of the District."

## Insane Commitments.

"I have heretofore called attention to the law under which indigent insane persons and insane persons of homicidal tendencies are committed to the Government Hospital for the Insane. These proceedings are conducted under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1899, which in terms denies to the alleged lunatic the right of trial by jury and commits the question of his sanity to the determination of one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The present law requires the payment by the District in each case of a per diem compensation of \$10 to at least two physicians."

"During the year this compensation for physicians' fees in lunacy cases amounted to more than \$5,000. In my judgment, this constitutes a reprehensible waste of public money. In more than 50 per cent of the cases the lunacy of the parties proceeded against is palpable, and there is no necessity for medical expert testimony, certainly not for the testimony of two medical experts."

"The proceeding now in force displaced a simple and inexpensive procedure authorized by a provision contained in the appropriation bill for 1899 whereby the Marshal empaneled a jury in attendance upon one of the criminal courts and the verdict of the jury was confirmed by the court. The expense of that proceeding consisted of clerk's fees and the ordinary witness fees. If Congress is unwilling to reinstate the former procedure it should at least amend the present law respecting the allowance for two physicians in each case."

## Wharf Property.

Mr. Duvall makes brief reference to the placing of the control of wharf property under the District Commissioners and closes his report with the following reflections upon the new District Code:

"The Code of Law for the District enacted by Congress March 3, 1901, went into effect and operation January 1, 1902. Important amendments to the Code were proposed with the desire that they should be incorporated therein by the time it went into operation, but Congress withheld action until June 30, 1902."

"In the nature of things, a new code of law will occasion some jarring and necessitate some readjustment; and such has been our experience, but this lessens as we become familiar with its provisions, and it is confidently expected that we will now receive the much anticipated benefit from this revision of our complicated laws."

\$1.35 To Annapolis, Md., and \$1.35

## Return.

Via Pennsylvania Railroad, tickets on sale October 4 to 18, inclusive, limited to return within five days, including date of sale.

## Where Are the Dead?

Subject at Tent, corner Nineteenth and F northwest, Sunday, 7:45; four squares from White House. See church notices. Come early.

## Notice to the Public.

The Pennsylvania Railroad announces that on October 2 to 11, both inclusive, local trains scheduled to leave Washington from Sixth Street station at 6:15 a. m. and 1:28, 4:30, 4:35, and 6:15 p. m. will leave from the new station at 11th and 12th streets, and will depart from Sixth Street station and Maryland Avenue station. Corresponding southbound trains to Washington will be operated to same point. A local ticket office will be opened at this point for accommodation of passengers.

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Return Via B. & O. R. Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5. Tickets valid returning until midnight train Sunday night. All trains both ways both days except Royal Limited.

## POLICE CASES DURING THE YEAR

Assistant Corporation Counsel J. L. Pugh, Jr., Places the Number at 17,837.

As supplementary to the report of the Corporation Counsel, Mr. James L. Pugh, Jr., Assistant Corporation Counsel, yesterday submitted his report of operations in the Police Court for the fiscal year ended June 30. The following list of cases tried in the court aggregating 17,837, with fines of \$51,554.16, shows the punishment of crime on the District side of the Police Court:

Barber shops open on Sunday, 3; barrooms open after hours, 18; barrooms open on Sunday, 13; bathing in the Potomac River, 9; carrying away other's property, 18; carrying concealed weapons, 6; carrying dangerous and deadly weapons, 90; cruelty to animals, 733; dangerous dog, 16; destroying private property, 240; destroying public property, 16; disorderly conduct and profanity, 8,500; drugist selling liquor without prescription, 2; enticing prostitution, 6; failing to report sale of deadly weapon, 2; fast driving, 285; fast riding, 9; gift enterprises, 2; indecent exposure, 324; nuisances, 311; playing ball, 62; pool rooms open after hours, 4; selling fireworks to minors, 9; selling liquor to minors, 1; throwing missiles, 250; trespassing on park, 125; unlicensed auctioneer, 5; unlicensed apothecaries, 8; unlicensed broker, 70; unlicensed bill poster, 1; unlicensed cattle broker, 14; unlicensed commission merchant, 2; unlicensed dog, 12; unlicensed entertainment, 24; unlicensed engineer, 1; unlicensed insurance agent, 2; unlicensed intelligence office, 3; unlicensed hotel, 11; unlicensed junk dealer, 26; unlicensed livery stable, 11; unlicensed pawn broker, 5; unlicensed saddler, 9; unlicensed physician, 1; unlicensed plumber, 14; unlicensed pool table, 6; unlicensed produce dealer, 13; unlicensed real estate agent, 21; unlicensed restaurant, 25; unlicensed vehicles, 11.

## Many Vagrancy Cases.

Vagrancy, 2,188; violating building regulations, 48; violating building and ground regulations, 70; violating cemetery law, 3; violating civil rights law, 2; violating dairy and dairy farm regulations, 2; violating food law, 373; violating game law, 5; violating garbage regulation, 6; violating hack law, 61; violating health ordinance, 20; violating flour law, 2; violating plumbing regulation, 9; violating measure law, 22; violating milk law, 1; violating police regulation, 3,206; violating smoke law, 193; violating snow law, 226; violating Potomac water, 6.

"This list indicates," says Mr. Pugh, "a remarkable and, indeed, unprecedented increase in the number of cases examined and filed and money collected in only one branch of the Police Court, and this number does not include the cases examined and for which warrants were not issued. This latter class will almost equal the class for which warrants were issued, and, when considered, you can then in a measure appreciate the tremendous and sometimes overtaxing labor required by your assistant with the aid of one clerk who is detailed from the Police Court."

"This is the only court that turns into the Government a net revenue, and sufficient force should be provided to handle this tremendous and perplexing business, a business that requires prompt and immediate action in order to properly handle the cases, punish the guilty and relieve the innocent."

"It seems to me that the code, which undertakes to divide the business of the court, gives to our side of the court

G. A. R. Side Trips Via Washington Southern Railway and Connections.

Half rates to Fredericksburg, Richmond, Petersburg, Old Point, Norfolk, Annapolis, etc. Apply for Washington Southern Railway side trip folder at station, Sixth and B Streets, 511, 512, 509, 1421 Pennsylvania Avenue, 009 Fourteenth Street northwest, 705 Fifteenth Street northwest, or 2100 G Street northwest. W. P. Taylor, Traffic Manager.

## The Money-saving Clothing Corner of Washington.

## MONSTER BARGAINS IN GRAND ARMY SUITS

The material and workmanship of these suits cannot be approached elsewhere under \$12. Try it, and SEE!

Grand Army Suits, made of the Slater and Middlesex materials, color and fabric absolutely guaranteed—a big leader here today at **\$8.48**

## Grand Army Hat Complete for \$1.25

## TOP COATS.

Men's Fall Topcoats in a great variety of neat shades and styles. Splendidly made, all lengths. Special today at **\$7.50**

A thousand pairs of Men's All-wool Worsteds Pants, worth up to \$4, choice today for **\$1.98**

We bought from a wholesaler 100 yards of Corduroy and have had the Men's and Boys' Pants made from these goods.

Men's Corduroy Pants... **\$1.48** Boys' Corduroy Pants... **39c**

## Children's Suits.

We have just had several hundred Children's Suits made up from remnants of fine goods—only one and two sizes left. A kind—ages 6 to 16 years—a bargain wonder at **\$1.89**

## Men's Shoes.

In order to quickly introduce our new Shoe Department, we will offer you the best Men's Shoe ever sold in America at the price **\$2.00**

**H. FRIEDLANDER & BRO.,**  
Cor. Ninth and E Streets.

more than two-thirds of the cases of which this court has jurisdiction, and then again the police force is being increased every year, and of course, the cases to be examined and filed necessarily keep pace with the increase of the force.

"I again call your attention to the inadequacy of the law relating to the water service. It is an old statute from the corporation of Washington and will not reach the cases from the county, which is really a part of the city."

## THE WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Increasing cloudiness today, followed by rain. Rain tomorrow; fresh north winds.

TEMPERATURE.  
Highest temperature, 4 p. m., 73.  
Lowest temperature, 6 a. m., 50.

## SAME DATE LAST YEAR.

Maximum, 63.  
Minimum, 19.

## THE SUN AND THE MOON.

Sun rises, 5:58 a. m. Sun sets, 5:10 p. m.  
Moon rises, 11:00 a. m. Moon sets, 7:25 p. m.

## TIDE TABLE.

Low tide, 3:52 a. m. and 4:01 p. m.  
High tide, 9:42 a. m. and 9:58 p. m.

## STREET LIGHTING.

Lamps lit today, 6:16 p. m.  
Lamps out tomorrow, 5:07 a. m.

## AMUSEMENTS.

National—Primrose and Dockstader's Minstrels, afternoon and evening.

Columbia—"Miss Simplicity," afternoon and evening.

Lafayette Opera House—"Sergeant James," afternoon and evening.

Academy of Music—"A Raggy Hero," afternoon and evening.

Empire—"The Power of Truth," afternoon and evening.

Kernan's Burlesque, afternoon and evening.

## EXCURSIONS.

Norfolk and Washington line for Fort Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m.

Cheapeake Beach—See schedule under "Railroads and Steamboats" for time.

Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirteenth and a-half Street for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour; Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

## TEMPERATURES IN OTHER CITIES.

Max. Min. S. p. m. fall.

Asheville, N. C., 76 54 68

Atlantic City, 68 52 64

Atlanta, Ga., 82 64 76

Bismarck, N. D., 58 28 52

Boston, Mass., 68 58 62

Buffalo, N. Y., 64 54 56

Chicago, 58 56 56

Cincinnati, 64 54 54

Cheyenne, Wyo., 46 26 42

Davenport, Iowa, 60 50 50

Denver, Colo., 46 31 46

Des Moines, Iowa, 58 48 52

Galveston, Tex., 82 76 78

Helena, Mont., 66 40 62

Indianapolis, Ind., 62 50 50

Jacksonville, Fla., 86 68 78

Kansas City, Mo., 56 50 50

Little Rock, Ark., 74 64 68

Marquette, Mich., 56 40 48

Memphis, Tenn., 74 64 72

New Orleans, La., 88 74 74

New York, N. Y., 70 58 66

North Platte, Neb., 50 42 46

Pittsburg, Pa., 64 48 62

Salt Lake City, 64 40 60

St. Louis, Mo., 58 54 56

St. Paul, Minn., 58 38 52

Springfield, Ill., 58 52 52

Vicksburg, Miss., 50 72 74

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Return Via B. & O. R. R.

Today and tomorrow. All trains except the Royal Limited.

## Millennial Hopes and Prospects.

Mr. C. T. Russell, author of "Millennial Dawn," and editor of "Zion's Watch Tower," will preach in 10th and F streets, 411 Seventh Street northwest, Sunday, October 5, at 2:30 p. m. Subject, "Millennial Hopes and Prospects." Mr. Russell is an intensely interesting speaker, and one of the leading exponents of the Bible Prophecy. Freeing again at 7:30 p. m. All welcome. No collection.

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Return \$1.25

Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, good to return until last train Sunday, 3:15. All trains except Congressional Limited.

## INSURANCE MEN MEET.

The South Central Atlantic field convention of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company was held yesterday at the Arlington Hotel. About one hundred delegates attended and questions of importance to the insurance fraternity were discussed.

At the afternoon session President Fouse presented a loving cup to the South Central Atlantic field as a prize for new business with the departments of Texas and Tennessee.

## YEAR IN JAIL FOR ASSAULT.

Thomas Stogie, colored, was sentenced to serve a year in jail by Judge Kimball in Police Court yesterday for assaulting William Clements, also colored, with a razor.

## THE DEATH RECORD.

The following deaths for twenty-four hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon yesterday:

John O'Neill, 88 years.

Plavins J. Waters, 79 years.

James H. Giles, 60 years.

Margaret Brown, 4 months.

Medera Adams, 3 days.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

Henry Randolph and Maggie Turley.

James Thompson and Annie Rawlings.

John N. Nelson and Mary L. Howard.

## Free Excursion to New York and Return

On Saturday, October 11, Realty Trust will run a free excursion to New York for the benefit of its customers who have not seen their property, and for those who wish to buy. All our property is free and clear—no blanket mortgages. No restrictions, except against nuisances, therefore suitable for business and apartment houses, and the best and most profitable investment possible in real estate. We will show any other property our purchasers desire to see, thereby giving them the benefit of comparison. Lots, \$10 cash, balance monthly—liberal discount for cash. For further details call on address Realty Trust, Room 30, 500 F. st.

## S. KANN, SONS &amp; CO.

## "THE BUSY CORNER."

ALWAYS THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR THE LEAST MONEY.

OPEN UNTIL NINE O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

## A FITTING CLIMAX TO OUR CORONATION EXHIBIT

We are determined that the grand finale of our Coronation Exhibit shall be an event long remembered in this city, and to attain that end have made many deep price-cuts throughout the entire establishment. We do this as a slight token of our appreciation of the interest you have shown by your presence at the first showing of fall fashions at the Busy Corner.

## OF INTEREST TO OUR G. A. R. VISITORS.

We want you to be our guests during your stay in Washington—that is, use our store as your headquarters. We extend to one and all the hospitality of our establishment. We shall be pleased to check your parcels, give you any desired information you request through the agents of our bureau of information, give you postoffice facilities, as we have subscription; and the Postal Telegraph, which sends messages all over the United States, Canada, and Europe, is also located here.

Our Lunch Grotto will serve you light, dainty luncheons; quick service, courteous attendants, and very moderate prices.

## SPECIALS FROM OUR SUIT DEPT.

Jackets and Suits have been marked at less than ordinary prices for today's selling simply to introduce you to the best equipped department of its kind in the city.

Silk Coffee Jackets, made with large pockets and handsome new sleeves; a very stylish garment, to sell at the special price **\$6.50** today.

Handsome Beau de Sol Silk Monte Carlo Coats, made up stylishly, with neat bands of stitched silk, velvet collar, and double-breasted effect; lined throughout with white quilted satin; a very handsome garment. Special price today **\$15.00**

New Monte Carlo Coats, made of elegant quality beau de sol silk, with handsome collar stitched in white, trimmed with silk ornaments and new fancy buttons; elegantly lined, and an elegant coat. Special price today **\$23.50**

Exquisite Monte Carlo Coats, made with triple collar finished in neat folds and handsome silk ornaments, lined with best quality of skinner's satin; a very swaggar wrap. Regular price, \$35. Special price for today **\$25.00**

New style Venetian Cloth Suits, in blouse effect, with ripple back; skirts made in the new knit style, and the entire suit elegantly lined throughout; popular shades of blue and black. Regular price, \$25. Special bargain price today **\$19.75**

A lot of Suits, made of very fine quality Venetian cloth, in blue and black; blouse style, with ripple back; trimmed in silk and strap effect; finished with small buttons; Skirts made in the newest styles, with cording and silk trimmings to match waist. This Suit is well lined and very dressy. Regular price, \$30. Special bargain price today **\$23.50**

A lot of Tailor-made Suits, made of superfine Venetian cloth, in jacket effect; Skirt cut with the new drop skirt. These Suits are beautifully tailored, and sell regularly at \$40.00. Special bargain price for today **\$30.00**

Suit Dept., Second floor.

## Handkerchief Price List.

Handkerchiefs at any price you wish to pay. These special for today:

Women's Fine Cambric Handkerchiefs, with lace edges, embroidered corners, plain hemstitched and colored printed borders. A large assortment from which to choose. Special bargain price today **5c**

Another lot of those popular Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, unlaundered, all linen, also a lot of Swiss Cambric Handkerchiefs, including. Special bargain 10c price today.

Handkerchief Dept.—First Floor—Section H.

## MRS. BERTHA V. MILLER ALLEGES DESERTION

Says Husband, a War Department Employee, Has Not Provided for Her Since 1889.

Mrs. Bertha V. Miller yesterday filed suit for maintenance against her husband, Mr. Edward S. Miller, an employee in the War Department. They were married in Elm City, Md., in June, 1888, and lived together until October, 1889. At that time, Mrs. Miller avers, her husband deserted her and has not since contributed to her support. She asks the court to compel the defendant to pay her \$30 a month for her maintenance. William B. Reilly is named as counsel for the petitioner.

Excellent Terminals of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at New York City.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has two terminals at New York. While Liberty Street is convenient to the financial district and lower Broadway, the South Ferry Terminal enables passengers to reach any part of New York or Brooklyn by all the elevated lines, Broadway electric, cross-town lines, or Brooklyn ferries without so much as leaving the same roof.

## Notice to the Public.

The Washington Southern Railway announces that Washington-Quantico local trains scheduled to leave Washington at 4:25 and 5:00 p. m. and to arrive at Quantico at 5:50 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. will arrive at and depart from Ninth Street and Maryland Avenue southwest from October 5 to 11, both inclusive. A local ticket office will be opened at this point to accommodate passengers.

## Train Service Via Pennsylvania Railroad

During G. A. R. Encampment, in order to afford proper accommodation to visitors departing from Washington, all trains will be operated in sections to meet the requirements of travel.

## S. KANN, SONS &amp; CO.

THOMAS J. DONOVAN, Manager.

## DON'T WORRY!

COTS TO BURN.

Price, 75c Each

..AT..

NOTES,

637 Louisiana Ave.

Open Late Tonight and Tomorrow.

## SPECIAL—All Kinds of California Wines, 75c per Gal.

One box 24 bottles larger beer, 75c.

THOS. R. BEAVERS,

428 4th St. S. Goods delivered in

Philadelphia, Main 1002-D. Goods delivered in

Philadelphia, Main 1002-D. Goods delivered in

Philadelphia, Main 1002-D. Goods delivered in